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9                    INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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11                    Attached hereto is Substitute for form PTO-1449A/PTO listing  
12 documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is  
13 respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the  
14 examiner and an initial copy of the form(s) be returned to the  
15 undersigned.

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18 is meant to be attached to the markings.

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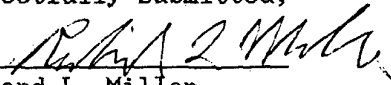
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28 requirements of 37 C.F.R. secs. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 and the Manual of  
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